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**To:** HarborComments  
**Subject:** Willamette River - Community first, polluters accountable

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

Hello -

The draft cleanup plan for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site is woefully inadequate. Leaving over 85% of contamination puts the community and wildlife at risk for decades to come.

This is a natural resources issues, an equity issue, a public health issue, and so much more. Many of our most vulnerable residents eat fish directly from this river - a river where, for pregnant or nursing women, no amount of resident fish is considered safe. Tens of thousands of residents recreate along and in the river each year and its home to a range of wildlife including Ospreys, Bald Eagles, Otters, Great Blue Herons, many species of fish and more. The clean-up plan must be revised to put community health, livability, and wildlife first - while holding polluters accountable.

We are obligated to create a legacy of the clean and healthy river.

We need a plan from the EPA that relies less on Monitored Natural Recovery, and focuses on removing contaminated sediment and taking that sediment to an appropriate landfill.

I am asking you to make the following improvements:

1. EPA should select Alternative G with additional dredging in areas of high human use, areas of high ecological value, and areas where there is high risk of recontamination of the river.
2. EPA should set much clearer timelines and metrics for success including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. EPA should select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including woman of childbearing age and children.
4. EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. EPA should do a much better job of addressing environmental justice issues, including reviewing and correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process and delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits and other benefits associated with the Superfund process to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.
6. EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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